



# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Zoom Videoconference 9:00 a.m., September 8, 2020

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

9:00 a.m. **Call to order**

9:05 a.m. **Public Service Commission Study**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Final Report
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the committee
5. Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m. **HJ 12: Transmission Infrastructure Study**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Final Report
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the committee
5. Committee action, if any

10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. **Geothermal Research Update (90-3-1301, MCA)**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff
2. John Metesh -- State Geologist, Bureau of Mines and Geology
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the Committee
5. Committee Action, if any

- 11:15 a.m.      **Hydroelectric Reports Review**
1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff
  2. Jan Langel, Montana DNRC Water Resources Division Administrator
  3. Public Comment
  4. Questions from the Committee
  5. Committee Action, if any
- 11:45 a.m.      **Administrative Rule Review**
1. Introduction -- Mr. Walker
  2. Questions from Committee
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m.      **LUNCH**
- 1:00              **Legislative Services Update** -- Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst
- 1:10 p.m.      **PSC Update**
1. PSC
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions from the Committee
  4. Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m.      **HB 597 (2019) Cleanup Legislation**
1. Overview -- Mr. Graff
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions from the Committee
  4. Committee Action, if any
- 1:45 p.m.      **PD 0008 -- Preapproval Repeal Legislation**
1. Overview -- Mr. Graff
  2. Public Comment
  3. Questions from the Committee
  4. Committee Action, if any
- 2:30 p.m.      **BREAK**
- 2:45 p.m.      **PD 0009 -- Deadband Legislation**
1. Overview -- Mr. Graff

2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

3:15 p.m. **PD 0002 -- E-Rate Broadband Legislation**

1. Overview -- Mr. Graff
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

3:45 p.m. **9-1-1 Grant Cleanup Legislation**

1. Overview -- Mr. Graff
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee
4. Committee Action, if any

4:00 p.m. **PSC Energy Storage Letter**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Graff
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee
4. Committee action, if any

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:35 p.m. **Other Business/Instructions to Staff**

1. Review of Committee Budget
2. Staff Evaluations
3. Other Business

4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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